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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: PUBLIC STATEMENT BY SEAN MACBRIDE

1. UPI HAS FILED FOLLOWING ITEM DATED SEPTEMBER 5 FROM NAIROBI. QUOTE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A KISSINGER AND AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE TO FIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA (NAMIBIA). UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA SEAN MACBRIDE SAID SUNDAY.

2. MACBRIDE SAID KISSINGER MUST PERSUADE SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER JOHN VORSTER DURING THEIR CURRENT ZURICH TALKS TO HOLD DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TERRITORY'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT, SWAPO, AND ALSO WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY FROM THE TERRITORY.

3. "THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WILL NOT MAKE ANY HEADWAY IN HIS TALKS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE NAMIBIANS THEMSELVES", MACBRIDE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

4. HE DESCRIBED THE SWAPO MOVEMENT AS THE "AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE" ALTHOUGH VORSTER TO DATE HAS EXCLUDED THE ORGANIZATION FROM HIS OWN PLANS TO GIVE THE TERRITORY INDEPENDENCE IN 1978.

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5. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE WAS "SCEPTICAL" KISSINGER COULD

SUCCESSFULLY MEDIATE THE NAMIBIA ISSUE THOUGH HE DESCRIBED THE ZURICH TALKS AND AN AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETING IN TANZANIA MONDAY AS "THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE IN NAMIBIA." MACBRIDE SAID MONDAY'S MEETING BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, AND BOTSWANA WAS PROBABLY "THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF AFRICAN LEADERS INVOLVED IN NAMIBIAN AFFAIRS." UNQUOTE

6. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT WALDHEIM AND, ON THE BASIS OF MY MEETING WITH HIM SEPTEMBER 2, PROTEST IN THE MOST ENERGETIC TERMS THIS LATEST MACBRIDE INTERFERENCE AT AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN OUR EFFORTS REGARDING NAMIBIA.

7. IN EFFECT MACBRIDE IS TELLING AFRICA TO REJECT ANYTHING THE US CAN DEVELOP IF IT IS NOT CARRIED OUT AS HE PROPOSES AND RESULTS IN SOMETHING LESS THAN WHAT HE SUGGESTS. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARD A SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM AND MACBRIDE, BY HIS INTEMPERATE AND IMMODERATE PUBLIC STATEMENTS, IS CREATING FURTHER OBSTACLES TO THE PROGRESS WE ALL SEEK.

8. WE HOPE THAT SYG WILL TAKE STEPS TO CURB THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF UN OFFICIAL WHO RISKS CREATING PROBLEMS RATHER THAN HELP SOLVE THEM. KISSINGER

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